

**2013 Maryland Public Health Strategy for Climate Change (MPHSCC)**  
**Mini-Grant Form**  
**Building Resilience Against Climate Effects**

**Purpose:** To enable public health professionals in local health departments (LHDs) to utilize climate forecast projections that will be available through the Maryland Public Health Strategy for Climate Change (MPHSCC). These capacity building activities will: (1) help LHDs and the MPHSCC to implement climate mitigation and/or adaptation strategies necessary to protect public health; (2) evaluate the mitigation and/or adaptation strategy used to determine the quality of improvement and to incorporate refined inputs.

**Awards:** Four \$15,000/year grants will be made available on a non-competitive basis to local health departments. The awards will be available for 2 years.

**Mini-Grant Requirements:** Each local health department will have to complete activities listed below, and name a resource person for the LHD.

Standard Deliverables:

- Department Name and Key Contact Person
- Name of the LHD employee who will participate in MPHSCC activities for the Department
- A brief summary of any previous needs assessment or activities (formal or informal) you have conducted regarding:
  - Climate-change related preparedness strategies
  - Use of health department data related to climate-related or extreme weather events
  - Ways in which you think climate models and forecasts might help any current programmatic activities or initiatives focused on climate change
- A plan and budget justification for the award

Project Specific Deliverables and Delivery Dates:

- Your project plan should incorporate a discussion of how regional and local forecasts and models could be used in an assessment of community (broadly defined) vulnerability incorporating local health priorities and decision-making
  - September 1, 2013 should have prepared and submitted a work plan.
  - March 31, 2014 should have prepared and submitted in conjunction with Maryland DHMH a detailed work document that includes:
    1. Models and forecasts used
    2. Health impacts that will be assessed and method of selection from the five categories below:
      - Injury
      - Respiratory Diseases
      - Waterborne Diseases
      - Foodborne Illness
      - Vectorborne Diseases
  - June 30, 2014 should have prepared and submitted the proposed intervention.

- July 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015 should have completed the intervention and evaluation of the work plan.
- June 30, 2015 should have submitted a final report of the intervention outcomes.

**Use of Funds:**

- Personnel (with justification)
- Equipment
- Supplies
- Travel
- Other

**Application Process:**

Applicants should submit a written proposal of no more than 5 pages to Dr. Clifford Mitchell at the address below (please copy Ms. Crystal Romeo at [Crystal.Romeo@maryland.gov](mailto:Crystal.Romeo@maryland.gov)).

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